



**Minneapolis
Speak Up Poster
Contest
2012 Winners**



**National Youth Violence
Prevention Week**



National Youth Violence Prevention Week

Minneapolis Youth Violence Prevention Week sponsored a poster contest for youth to express their ideas related to Speak Up tip line in an effort to promote alternatives to community violence and show how students can be part of the solution. During Youth Violence Prevention Week, activities and events are held nationwide to spotlight the issue of youth violence, to identify strategies to combat this epidemic, and to promote the positive role youth have in making their communities and schools safer.

What is Speak Up?

As part of the City of Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence, an anonymous youth tip-line was launched called "Speak Up Minneapolis." This tip-line allows youth from across the city to phone or text in reports of potential violence including weapons in schools, parks, libraries or other locations.

The contest was open to all Minneapolis youth in grades k through 12 and a total of six winners were selected along with four honorable mentions. This exhibit honors and recognizes their outstanding contributions to speaking up against community violence and demonstrating how students can be part of the solution.



Poster Contest Award Ceremony



I think my artwork reflects my idea because it's all about standing up for what is right. Every person needs to love themselves enough to not let someone else put them down or hurt them. By loving yourself you have the courage to stand up to bullies and people who don't respect you. Also to help someone else who is being bullied or threatened in any way. To just stand by and not say anything can only make it worse. If you can't do it alone you will still be standing up for yourself by letting others know what's going on. It could be your parents, teacher, brother or sister and or a friend. You may not realize it but you will also be helping the bully. So...learn to stand up for yourself and others.

-Alex - Elementary School-Marcy-Second Place



Hablen Speak



Cada Siete minutos un niño,
en un patio de recreo de
Primaria es intimidado.

Every Seven minutes, a
child, on an elementary playground
is bullied.

UP

más

Save Lives Stop Violence
Salvan vidas Para a la violencia
1-800-Speak-UP

I want teens and kids to stop violence. That's what everyone wants. But we can do more than just stop it. We can keep it stopped. We can change the world! That's why I want my artwork to be fun, colorful. The reflection is anyone can be a part. If it's in two or more languages it can get out to more people. That is a really good idea. The more creative the poster is, the better and more useful it can be. Like I said, anyone can help, even Teddy Bears!

-Ana

Middle School, Anwatin
Second Place

My poster reflects the idea of youth speaking up against violence and how students can be part of the solution because it tells them to speak up.

-Antonia

Middle School-Anwatin

First Place



I want to see the mayor ...and to stop fighting in my school.

-Davis

Elementary School-Marcy

Honorable Mention

SPEAK UP
AGAINST
FIGHTING



WATCH VIDEO!!

1-866-SPEAK-UP

1. **Identify the subject and the verb.** The subject is "The committee" and the verb is "has agreed."

Elementary School-Marcy
First Place

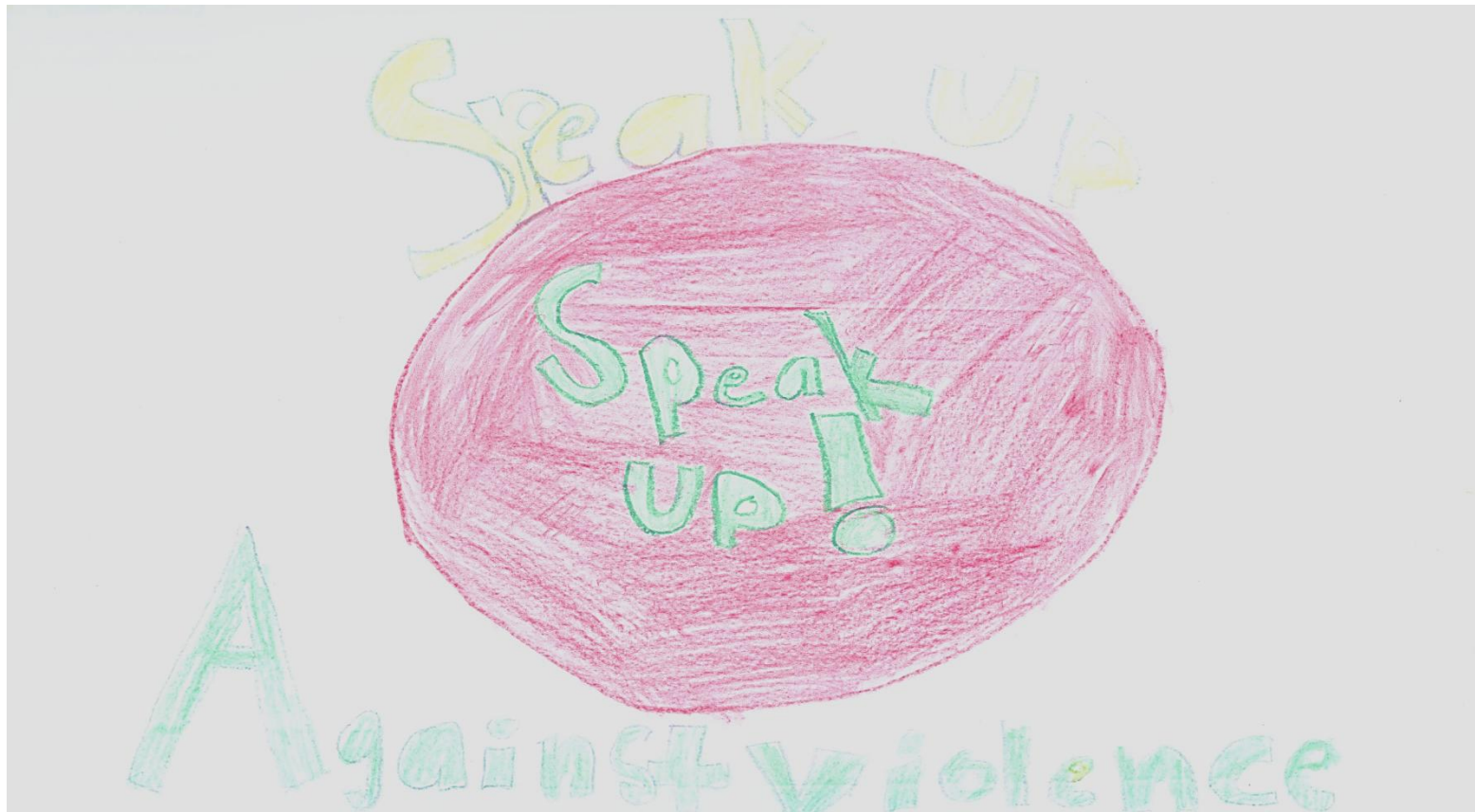


To have them speak up when they are scared or shy.

-Isabela

Elementary School-Marcy

Honorable Mention



3rd Place Winner



Stop

Violence



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When you
have stress
or anger
try the
following:

1. Squeeze something like a softball
2. Take karate or something like that

When you
have stress
or anger
Don't try
to solve
it with
violence



3. Draw scribbles there fast and they help you calm down

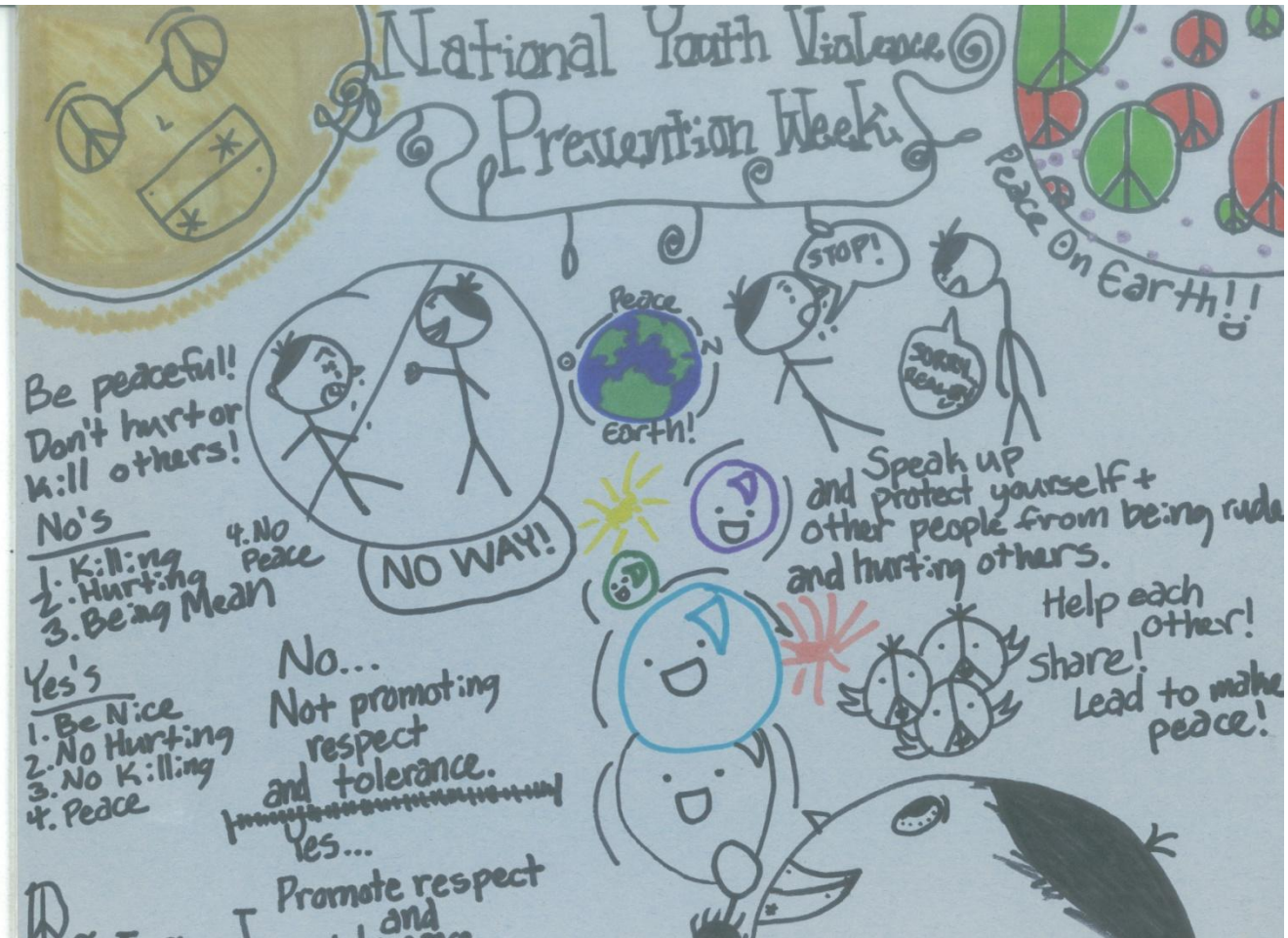
4. Deep Breaths Deep calming Breaths



thump
thump

Try other stuff
besides violence to
solve your
problems.
-Molly
Elementary School-
Marcy
Honorable Mention

Owen
Elementary School-Marcy
3rd Place



It shows how kids can speak up, even if its someone they trust that's causing the violence.

-Stephanie

Middle School-Anwatin

Honorable Mention

